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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Planning Division
Environmental Branch

Mr. Stephen Forsythe
State Supervisor
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Post Office Box 2676
Vero Beach, Florida 32961-2676

Dear Mr. Forsythe:

This is regarding our Tamiami Trail General Reevaluation Report and Supplementary Environmental Impact Statement. It is a feature of the Congressionally authorized Modified Water Deliveries to Everglades National Park Project which consists of structural modifications and additions to the existing Central and South Florida Project required for improvement of water deliveries for ecosystem restoration in Everglades National Park. The authorized plan calls for only minor modification of Tamiami Trail by increasing the elevation of about 3,000 linear feet of the roadbed. The existing culvert system was thought adequate to efficiently pass the maximum desired volume of water. Additional analysis indicates that the existing culverts are not adequate to do so. Therefore additional water conveyance methods are being analyzed.

Mr. Dave Ferrell, of your staff has been briefed on the project and attended a site visit and meeting on September 13 and 14. Pursuant to compliance with the Endangered Species Act, please provide a list of species that might occur within the project area. Additionally, I understand that a multi-species recovery plan is available on compact disk (CD). If possible, please also provide two copies of the CD. Mail one to Mr. Jim Baker at the letterhead address attention CESAJ-PD-R Room G-18 and one to our contractor, Mr. Tre Wharton, GEC, Inc. Post Office Box 84010 Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70884-4010.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. The point of contact for this action is Mr. Jim Baker, of my staff at telephone number 904-232-2698.

Sincerely,

Original Signed

James C. Duck
Chief, Planning Division

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